least one source of potable water to every village and habitation under the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The assessment of the progress of the work on providing at least one source of potable water to every village and habitation under the RGNDWM is made through the following:

(a) Monthly Progress Reports.

(b) Quarterly Progress Reports.

(c) Annual Progress Reports.

(d) Field visits.

(e) Independent Evaluation.

(f) Review meetings with Secretaries & Chief Engineers.

(g) Surveys.

As on 1-4-94 there were 278 villages with no source of safe drinking water. These villages are likely to be provided with at least one source of potable water by the end of the year 1994-95. The monitoring of coverage of habitations has commenced from the current year i.e. 1994-95.

Amount spent/Earmarked for the development of Science and Technology

513. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount earmarked for the development of science and technology during the Eighth Plan;

(b) the amount spent thereon so far; and

(c) the research and development works undertaken in the field of science and technology during Eighth Plan so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

R & D in the Field of Science and Technology

514. SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) the allocation made for R&D during the last three years;

(b) the areas of frontier technology in which these allocations are directed; and

(c) whether there will be any change in the thrust areas in view of the GATT. if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Annual Plan Allocations made for R&D in the field of Science and Technology during the last three years are:

1991-92	.. Rs. 1806 crores
1992-93	.. Rs. 1762 Crores
1993-94	.. Rs. 2168 Crores

(b) The areas of frontier technology for which these allocations will be directed during the 8th Plan are related to Atomic Energy, Biotechnology, Ocean Development, Space, Scientific and Industrial Research, Agricultural and Medical Research, Meteorolgy and Promotion of Science and Technology in the Socio-economic sectors like Petroleum and Natural Gas, Communications, Steel and Mines and Non-Conventional Energy Sources.